IN THE CLAIMS:

1-7 (Cancelled).

8 (currently amended). A record audio module configured to be included in an audio resource function, comprising:

an audio record process operable to request a decomposed media gateway to record an audio stream in response to a received signal,

wherein media recording is altered based on at least one signal traveling between the record audio module and the decomposed media gateway and a resultant media recording is analyzed as to a reason it terminated; ~~and~~

an audio stream container offset parameter to specify a location in an audio stream container that was being recorded when the recording was terminated; and

a pause compression process operable to detect and to eliminate periods of speech inactivity from a recording.

9 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising a record pause and resume process operable to pause audio record in response to a record pause request and to thereafter resume the audio record in response to a resume record request.

10 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising an append process operable to append a recording to an existing recording.

11 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising a format specifying process operable to specify the digital encoding format of a recording.

12 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising a recording location process operable to allow the decomposed media gateway to reference where the recording should be created.

13 (cancelled).

14 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising a record prompt tone generation process operable to generate a prompt tone that is either fixed or configurable.

15 (original). A record audio module as defined in claim 8, further comprising a record analysis process operable to determine the length of audio recorded and to identify a record termination condition that caused a recording operation to stop.

16-22 (cancelled).

23 (currently amended).   A method of recording an audio stream,

comprising:

    providing a record audio module included in an audio resource

function that is resident on an audio resource server, said record audio module

having a record audio process;

    communicating a request signal to the record audio process;

    requesting a decomposed media gateway to record in an audio stream

container an audio stream in response to the request signal communicated to

the record audio process;

    altering media record based on at least one signal communicated

between the record audio module and the decomposed media gateway;

    analyzing a resultant recording as to a reason it terminated; and

    specifying a location in the audio stream container that was being

played when the play was terminated,

    wherein the altering includes providing a pause compression process

and operating the pause compression process to eliminate periods of speech

inactivity from a recording.

24 (original). A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the altering includes providing a record pause and resume process and

operating the record pause and resume process to pause audio record in

response to a record pause request and to thereafter resume the audio record in

response to a resume record request.

25 (original).   A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the altering includes providing an append process and operating the

append process to append a recording to an existing recording.

26 (original).   A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the altering includes providing a format specifying process and

operating the format specifying process to specify the digital encoding format

of a recording.

27 (original).   A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the altering includes providing a recording location process and

operating the recording location process to reference where the recording

should be created.

28 (cancelled).

29 (original).   A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the altering includes providing a record prompt tone generation

process and operating the record prompt tone generation process to generate a

prompt tone that is either fixed or configurable.

30 (original).   A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the analyzing includes providing a record analysis process and

operating the record analysis process to determine the length of audio

recorded.

31. (original) A method of recording an audio stream as defined in claim 23,

wherein the analyzing includes providing a record analysis process and

operating the record analysis process to identify a record termination condition

that caused a recording operation to stop